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## **REQUEST FOR STATUS**

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Sir:

More than thirteen (13) months have passed since the filing of the U.S. patent application on December 8, 2003. No communication has been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office advising of any action on the merits of this application since that time.

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